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NORTH ADAMS, MASS.

Know not what record this article has in the

after world; but I do know, that I never

mean as to despise a man because he is poor,

because he is ignorant, or because he is black.

—John A. Andrew.

SPECIAL TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

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YESTERDAY'S ELECTION.

In its first city election North Adams

has acquitted itself with great credit. The

men elected to office yesterday are men of

exceptionally ability, public spirit and

public honor. We doubt if any city in

the commonwealth has ever chosen more

wisely at any election, and we further

doubt, if any city in Massachusetts today

has an able body of city officials than

North Adams will have after January 6,

from mayor down. The quality of the

men elected is indeed exceptional.

The character of the election itself is a

matter for our congratulation. A broad-

minded spirit, desirous of choosing the

best men, untrammelled by party ties, was

very clearly evinced. Very few straight

party tickets were voted, and the first ex-

ample set in a city election is one of judg-

ment and choice—not of party prejudice.

Only narrowness and shortsightedness

could lead any man, however much a

good party man, to condemn this broad

spirit in home affairs.

Our first mayor, elected yesterday,

needs no flattering notices here. In ex-

ecutive ability he is, by common consent

the peer, if not the superior, of any man

in Massachusetts. The statement is

broad but it is true, and North Adams has

nothing greater to its credit than the

character and ability of its mayor-elect.

The large number of blank votes in the

mayoralty election were surprising, but

at the same time a large part of these

is to be accounted for by the feeling yester-

day that "he was elected any way" and

further, to a poorly arranged ballot. But

he is elected and it is a wise and excellent

choice.

For councilmen, the voters selected a

very representative set of men. We

doubt if a better work of selection could

be done. It is an excellent board, and not

a man on it but who is worthy to be

there.

The school board selected is a matter of

satisfaction and congratulation. After a

sharp contest, those elected are, we be-

lieve, the fittest men for the board. They

are men of high intelligence, men with a

natural interest in our schools and men

conscientious in the performance of duty.

It is not too much to say that they are all

right.

For assessors, the men elected are com-

petent and fit. While we believe two old

members of the board of assessors could

have been wisely elected, yet the two

new members are men of excellent

capabilities for their positions, and will

make excellent assessors.

The library committee elected is, we

believe, one that will prove the wisdom

of the people's choice. No fitter persons

could have been elected from the whole

town.

The license vote was surprisingly large.

If it means anything, it means that the

people of North Adams do not believe

that no-license could be successfully en-

forced here at present. It further shows

that this city needs temperance taught

the year round, and that spasmodic no-

license efforts at the eleventh hour have

little effect.

On the whole and in detail North Adams

may heartily congratulate itself on the

candidates elected. Our first election

was nothing short of a beauty.

LIGHT MAYORALTY VOTE EXPLAINED

A peculiar danger connected with the

use of our blanket ballot, and it is liable to

seriously effect the strength of a vote at

any time, even the vote of a most popu-

lar candidate, was strikingly illus-

trated in yesterday's election. When the

name of a single candidate for a

particular office stands by itself at the

head of a column and is immediately

followed by a long list of names, only

only a part of which can be voted for,

necessitating careful selection, upon tak-

ing up the ballot for marking the at-

tention is at once turned from the head

of the ticket to the list requiring special

study, and it becomes the most natural

thing in the world to neglect to put any

mark opposite the single candidate head-

ing the ticket. This of course means a

vote that may be counted as blank.

As the counting of the ballots progressed

yesterday a great surprise was created on

all sides by the large number of votes for

mayor that had to be counted as blank.

While the vote given Mr. Houghton was

indeed complimentary, even as

counted, it was well known that our city

fully intended to give him a heavy vote.

The lightness of the vote was com-

pared with the universal and

entirely expressed intention of

the voters is explained above. Mr.

Houghton, concerning whose election the

entire community was practically in full

and hearty accord, stood at the head of

the ticket a single candidate, and his

name was immediately followed by a long

list of names over which much delibera-

tion was required. The result was that

hundreds of voters, some of them his

warmest friends and staunchest sup-

porters, omitted to put any mark op-

posite; purely a matter of careless oversight

accounting however quite naturally enough.

We personally know of a number of

cases in which this occurred. In one in-

stance out of four inspectors of election in

one ward three regretfully say, that while

warm friends of Mr. Houghton, they en-

tirely overlooked voting for him for the

reason mentioned. This being so with in-

spectors of election who are supposed of

all persons to be familiar with the ballots,

how must it have been with hundreds of

others inexperienced in ballot mark-

ing and absorbed in selecting coun-

cillmen from a perplexing list?

In addition to this, through an unfor-

tunate typographical arrangement of type

and space, the name of candidate for

mayor so placed that it was easily over-

looked as a part of the ticket's head-

lines. In this way many voters were caused

to overlook the candidate in searching out

names for other offices over which there

was some controversy. However, the vote

was a wonderfully complimentary one as

it was, though not as striking as it

would have been but for the above pec-

uliarities of the ballots.

HURRAH AND GOOD ENOUGH!

Hats off to the president of the United

States!

In his message to the Venezuelan ques-

tion sent to congress yesterday President

Cleveland has uttered the following cour-

ageous and patriotic words:

It will, in my opinion, be the duty

of the United States to resist by

every means in its power as a willful ag-

gression upon its rights and interests the

appropriation of any lands or the exercise

of governmental jurisdiction over any

territory which after investigation we

have determined of right belongs to Ven-

ezuela.

In making these recommendations I

am fully alive to the full responsibility

incurred, and keenly realize all the con-

sequences that may follow.

These are destined to be memorable

words.

England now has her ultimatum from

Uncle Sam. It is this: No encroachment

on one foot of American soil or right.

These words of President Cleveland

mean this if they mean anything. They

are serious words. They would seem to

mean that England must back water.

Grover Cleveland is often wrong. In

this case he is incontestably right.

OUR GUESS.

The first day of the campaign after the

nominations were made we ventured the

following prophecy: That of the twenty-

one councilmen a baker's dozen would be

elected from the Republican ticket; the

school committee would be evenly di-

vided; the assessors would all be from the

Republican and the library trustees all

from the Democratic ticket. Our prophe-

cy has been exactly fulfilled, excepting

that one more Republican has been

elected to the council and one less on the

board of assessors than our prediction

called for. As to the number of candi-

dates elected from each ticket our guess

was absolutely correct.

Mr. Reed's canvass for the assessors

came very near being brilliant. His popu-

larity stood him in good stead, and his

ability was not lacking. His hard work

as a legislative candidate was just as

serviceable six weeks later in the city can-

vass.

Today the two most powerful nations

on the face of the earth, of the same

blood, of the same boundless resources of

character and enterprise, are facing each

other in the possibility of war. What a

tremendous fight it will be!

No one on the council ticket need re-

gret defeat at yesterday's election. Unless

a man was in the public eye in some

prominent social, political or business

way, he was at a disadvantage in so large

and remarkably able lot of candidates.

It is no war "scare" that is on. Eng-

land's and America's positions are de-

clared on the Venezuelan question. They

are absolutely at difference. War is im-

minent, terrible and impossible as it seems.

The French people have a right to con-

gratulate themselves on two so good

representatives as Messrs. Bissailon and

Vadner in the council.

Mr. Pritchard gave up the contest be-

fore the votes were counted yesterday.

He revived at midnight by an applica-

tion of election laws tonic.

The most serious and momentous issue

of this day has been thrust upon the

American people by President Cleveland's

Venezuelan message.

Many friends of Harvey A. Gallup were

hoping for his election to the school

board. His fine run demonstrated his

popularity.

Republicans, Democrats Mugwumps,

we are all Uncle Sam's children when it is

a question of the flag and the Monroe

doctrine.

Every Republic on the western con-

tinent is cheering for Uncle Sam today.

Hands off, England!

Mr. Alfred is grateful that a miss is as

good as a mile. Mr. Bartlett knows that

a miss is as bad as a mile.

Now for as good a city government as

the first election may lead us to believe

we shall have.

Our first council will be of as high a

character as any council could be.

BOSTON STORE

Taylor & Gow.

(Successors to W. J. Taylor.)

Great special sale of Furs. The last week was a busy one. Just the weather to make them go—that is the prices and weather together. A good choice left. 25 Belgium Cooney Fur Capes \$6.95, were \$12.50. 10 Astrakhan Capes \$15.00, were \$25.00. 5 China Seal \$18.50, were \$25. 5 Martin and Mink Capes at a big reduction from former prices.

French and English Novelty Dress Goods. All marked down.

Grand Holiday Opening Monday.

Come early and avoid the rush.

CHRISTMAS PRIZES offered by Taylor & Gow: Any young Miss not over fourteen years old has a chance to compete for the prizes we offer by complying with the following requests: for the best composition in metre, four verses of four lines each or sixteen lines in all, giving a description of our general holiday and Christmas display, store, etc.

First prize, large doll now on exhibition in our show windows.

Second prize, beautiful silk handkerchiefs.

Third prize, an elegant book.

The award of prizes will be decided by three editors, Sunday Democrat, Daily Transcript, Daily Herald. All communications should be addressed to Boston Store with full name and address, stating age and in composer's own handwriting.

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31 STATE STREET

SUBURBAN NEWS.

Happenings of Interest in Our Neighbor Towns.

AT ADAMS TODAY.

Threatened to Shoot—A Mistaken Charge—Personal Notes.

Another Verse to the High School Song. Mrs. C. W. Barton, the high school music and French teacher, who recently wrote a school song to the tune of Barnby's "Men of Harlech," has written the following additional verse:

"Alma Mater, thou art bringing Blessings with thy coil and singing; Fast to thee our hearts are clinging. While thy gifts we share:

True and strong, the years have found With thy children gathered round thee; Year by year thy sons have crowned thee With thy love and care.

In truth and honor growing. Onward! upward! knowing That broader, deeper day by day, The stream of good is flowing.

This shall be our motto ever, Courage hope and strong endeavor, On the red and white forever, Adams High are we."

The song will be sung publicly for the first time, Friday evening, at the Christmas exercises of the school seniors.

Drunken Man Threatens to Shoot

Richard Donohue, a harness maker who has been in the employ of E. Van Dyck for some time, created a large-sized disturbance in Mr. Van Dyck's place of business on Myrtle street Tuesday evening and afterwards escaped.

Donohue struck town about two months ago on his uppers and was given employment by Mr. Van Dyck. Monday night he was discharged and paid in full. He stated that he had secured another situation and was to go to it at once. About 6 o'clock Tuesday evening he went into the harness shop in a very drunken condition. The proprietor ordered him out but he refused to go. A few minutes later Mr. Van Dyck turned to get his overcoat and received a heavy blow on the head. He wheeled around and grappled with Donohue who had dealt the blow. The latter caught Mr. Van Dyck's fingers between his teeth and bit him severely.

There was another workman in the shop, and when he made a movement to assist his employer, Donohue moved his hand toward his pocket and cried out if the man came nearer he (Donohue) would shoot him. In the struggle one of the large plates of glass in the front door was smashed and Mr. Van Dyck's stock were scattered promiscuously about the store.

The other workman went after an officer and while he was gone Donohue left the store and went down Pleasant street. There was a large crowd in front of the store but none of them saw where he went. Chief Curran went to his boarding house and searched for him but was unable to find him.

A Shameful Charge.

In an evening paper of Tuesday, the Adams correspondent contained an article on an alleged swindle, of which Mrs. Annie Sacher, who keeps a small dry goods store on Spring street was said to be the victim. The fact of the matter is that Mrs. Sacher received a confederate \$5 bill and, with Sheriff Timney called upon a very respectable lady and charged her with passing the bill. The reporter, while meaning no harm, perhaps, gave the impression in his article that the charge was wholly true and the lady was guilty of a swindle. The whole sum and substance of the matter is that the woman who keeps the store, received the bill from somebody and does not know from whom. The lady who was charged, bought fifty cents worth of goods and paid with a one dollar bill, receiving fifty cents in change. Her purchase was made Friday night instead of Saturday night, when Mrs. Sacher is an old German woman, who cannot speak English well, and was not able to tell Sheriff Timney who it was she wished him to see. She led him to the lady's home and when the sheriff found who the lady was, he immediately saw the improbability of the charge being true. While probably intending rightly, the Herald man gave the readers of his paper a false impression, which he should right as soon as possible.

United Workmen Elect New Officers.

The local lodge of United Workmen elected the following new officers at a meeting held Tuesday evening: Master workman, George Anthony; foreman, James Steele; overseer, Harry Ford; guide, Fred Sherman; recorder, Frank Harrington; financier, Thomas Jubb; receiver, E. B. Karner; trustee for three years, E. W. Streeter; representative to grand lodge, Arthur B. Green and Thomas Jubb; alternates, Dr. C. W. Burton and B. G. Stillman; the inside and outside workmen will be appointed by the incoming master workman.

Mrs. James Bowe and daughter, Miss Marion, have returned home to Rutland, Vt.

Patrick Dowd is ill at his home at Renfrew.

Mrs. John Hoderker will spend Christmas with her sister in Lowell.

None of the local stores will close Tuesday or Thursday evenings during the holidays.

Mrs. A. B. Penniman is ill with typhoid fever.

The Ladies' Benevolent society of the Congregational church will serve supper this evening.

Superintendent William Neary found a jacket between this town and North Adams, which the owner may have by paying advertising costs.

The Methodist ladies expect a large attendance at their sale this afternoon and evening. The concert at 7.45 o'clock this evening by Prof. Arnold and pupils, is sure to be a treat.

Miss Katie Collins was dangerously ill, is now said to be out of danger.

Lafayette band is corresponding with the New City ministers of North Adams, with the view of having the troupe entertain the people of Adams at a near date.

A. H. Simmons is offering tickets to every purchaser at his store, entitling them to a chance on a perforator.

Rev. Fr. M. J. Coyne went to his home in Clinton today, and will return Saturday.

Christmas confessions will begin at St. Charles church Saturday. Rev. Fr. Rous, a Lassalette father, of Pittsburg, will be here until after Christmas.

Rev. Fr. Welch of the Boston cathedral is a guest of Rev. Fr. Moran.

A candy store has been opened in the little Park street building, formerly occupied by John O'Brien as a barber shop.

Work has ceased for a time on the new St. Charles church and not much more will be done before spring.

CHESHIRE.

The wedding of Walter Utter and Miss Middlebrook last evening took place according to arrangements.

Pickering fishing is assuming some proportions and large strings are being logged off from the upper reservoir.

That chowder supper was well attended, and the proceeds were quite satisfactory.

WILLIAMSTOWN.

George M. Whitaker, editor of the New England Homestead, addressed the Farmers' Institute at the Grange hall Tuesday. A fine dinner was served.

The Women's Relief comes gave a ten cent prize supper at the G. A. R. rooms Tuesday night. Commander Fowler of the G. A. R. was busily engaged in tearing coupons off from the supper tickets.

A splendid supper dazzled the eyes, such a profusion of delicacies made many regret that their capacities were insufficient to lighten the groaning tables as they wished.

However, a very few managed to do their share and received the worth of their money.

Some one will get a prize when the coupons are shaken up.

Everyone seemed perfectly happy, and we will like the W. R. C. to repeat this great success. Mrs. C. D. Brown is president.

Testing the new fire alarm signals started a report of fire yesterday, which was soon found to be false.

Registrar Parsons of the college is mailing large quantities of the new catalogue. It is heavier than usual.

P. H. Daniels is making preparations for harvesting his annual ice crop. He will hasten and be soon ready to leave town for the balance of the winter. After a visit to the Atlanta exposition he will proceed to southern California and there reside till spring.

Lunches are served nightly to the skaters upon the ice on the Hoosick river. A two mile course makes it pleasant skating.

BLACKINTON.

A. M. Fyfe has resigned his position as designer for the Blackinton company.

The Episcopal services in the school hall Sunday evening were largely attended.

The Father Mathew Ladies' Aid society will entertain the members of the Father Mathew society on the evening of December 24.

Rev. Father Powers of Boston officiated at the Catholic services Sunday morning and preached on "The Importance of Good Reading and Literature."

A meeting of the F. M. T. A. society will be held next Sunday evening to organize a debating and literary club.

Word has been received of the serious illness, with typhoid fever, of Miss Helen Spear at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Spear, Cincinnati, O. Miss Helen is a beautiful and promising young lady and it is the earnest prayer of her many friends here that her recovery may be speedy and permanent.

Michael H. O'Brien has taken a position with the J. L. Peck company of Pittsfield as beamer tender. Mr. O'Brien is a young man of excellent character, a prominent temperance worker and a citizen we regret to lose. We wish him success in his new position.

To the voters of North Adams we wish to return thanks for giving us a representative on the school committee.

The Father Mathew Ladies' Aid will entertain the members of the F. M. T. A. society Friday evening, December 20.

A large delegation from this village attended the ten cent supper given by the Woman's Relief corps at Williamstown last evening.

Miss Libbie Campbell of Adams visited friends in town Tuesday.

The entertainment given by the new city minstrels last evening at Father Mathew hall was first class in every respect. It was one of the best entertainments ever given in this town and was deserving of a better attendance.

It is gratifying to the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Spear to learn that their daughter, Miss Helen, is improving from a severe attack of typhoid fever.

POWELL.

A Christmas tree will be held at the Methodist church next Tuesday evening.

D. T. Bates is at county court surveying per order of court.

Mrs. Nelson Johnson's funeral was held Saturday and Mrs. Milton Barber's Sunday from the Methodist church.

No schools after this week till the holidays are over.

John Moar, Jr., and family leave for Texas, their home, the present week.

Miss Liza White has returned from Canada and will remain among us.

AMUSEMENTS.

"The Fencing Master."

The organization presenting "The Fencing Master," which will be the attraction at the Columbia tomorrow night, is a large and proficient one, and special interest is attached to this season's tour of the company by its introduction of Miss Katherine Germaine as Francesca. Miss Germaine, it will be remembered, was the choice of Mr. De Koven as the successor of Marie Tempest, who originated the role and won her present fame through the great hit the opera made. Miss Germaine was seen at the head of the Katherine Germaine Opera company in "Amorita" a season or so ago. She is supported by H. W. Tre Demick, Nella Bergen, Arthur Huntington, Harry Scarborough, H. Arthur Leslie, Marion Langford, Harry De Lorne, Emily Nichols, Estelle Manton, Edwin Jackson and J. W. Dodge. The musical text is under the able directorship of Signor A. Tomasi.

Vessels Overdue.

ST. JOHN'S, N. E. Dec. 18.—Vessels arriving here report unprecedented weather on the Atlantic. All of them encountered hurricanes and sustained more or less damage. A number of coasting vessels are missing. Much uneasiness is felt concerning them.

Explosion at Sea.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 18.—Intelligence has reached here that on Sunday last the German ship Athena, from New York for London, with a cargo of naphtha, exploded off Cape May. Fourteen lives were lost, and four of the crew were rescued.

Another Competitor.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The Globe says that it is rumored that the Hendersons of Glasgow received an order yesterday for a yacht, designed by George L. Watson, which is to compete in races for the America's cup.

Contractors Yielding.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Leaders in the great tailors' strike claim that the contractors are yielding, and that the backbone of the strike is broken.

GOT BEYOND CONTROL.

Angry Mob Played Havoc With Street Cars In Philadelphia.

Police Were Unable to Prevent Onslaughts.

Militia Likely to Be Called Upon to Preserve the Peace.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 18.—This city is all but at the mercy of a mob. Not a street car on the Union Traction company is running, and that company controls every line in the city, with the exception of two comparatively short cross-town lines.

The police were absolutely unable to control the mob violence. From early morning until dusk, as each branch line made desperate efforts to start, howling mobs surrounded each car, stoned and pelted the motorman and conductor, smashed the windows, cut the trolley ropes and wrecked all possible despatching apparatus.

When the attempt was abandoned. The strikers took little if any part in the work of destruction.

Five hundred extra policemen were sworn in by Mayor Warlick last night, and these, with the regular force of 2100, will make an attempt to quell the rioters. They have orders from Mayor Warlick to carry their batons unsheathed. Should this fail, the governor will be appealed to to order out the militia.

The city's executive department in unmistakable terms stated that the strike is no longer a contest between a railway company and its employees, but a battle between the city and violence, and the city will win, if it takes the United States army.

The situation is the gravest the city has ever been called upon to encounter. The staff officers of the National Guard of Pennsylvania are in their armories, uniformed and armed in case of need.

A General Bombardment.

The fiercest riot of the day occurred at Sixth and Vine streets about noon. The mob reached almost to Market street, two blocks below. It entrenched itself along the sidewalks and bombarded every car which attempted to run the gauntlet. Superintendent Linden, with a great force of police, finally succeeded in dispersing the crowds after 15 arrests had been made.

At Sixth and Market streets veritable pandemonium broke loose as the first two cars reached that point.

In an instant every glass was smashed, and a fusillade of dinner kettles, fire buckets and bricks poured from the upper floors of the business blocks on either side. Conductors and motormen fled for their lives.

Later in the day another violent scene was witnessed at Eighth and Market streets. A West Philadelphia car made its appearance. Motorman, conductor and the few passengers were ordered to leave, and after the car had been ripped from its attachments and the general work of destruction perpetrated, the car was upset at the intersection of the two lines of track. This blockade was not raised for two hours. In one of these riots Policeman A. Keppeler was seriously injured by a shower of stones. Other injuries to citizens and officers are reported from different sections.

Women Are Interested.

Women are playing a prominent part in the strike. One of the worst acts of the strikers is a Mrs. Howard, who has done much toward organizing the men and winning over new recruits. The Women's Health Protective association adopted resolutions of sympathy for the men.

At Second and Berk streets a crowd of men surrounded a car. The motorman and conductor refused to abandon their positions, and were thrown to the street. The car was turned upside down and both streets were blocked.

At Cumberland and Amber streets about 100 women plugged the switches and blocked the cars on Cumberland street. Conductors tried to reopen the switches, but were driven away by the women. Scores of men have been arrested for cutting trolley ropes. Strike leaders mounted on horseback are at several of the big depots urging men at work to join the strikers.

The mayor yesterday afternoon issued a proclamation, calling upon all good citizens to assist the authorities in preserving order, and to that end begging them not to collect in crowds on the public highways. "Violence will be met with force and peace will be preserved at all hazards," he said.

The strike itself remains unchanged. The traction leaders refuse to listen to any suggestion from the other side, and, indeed, no effort is being made in that direction. The strikers are firm, and determined to fight it to the bitter end. Three mass meetings were held last night in various parts of the city.

The strike would cover about 500 miles, and over 6000 men are employed. About 5000 of these are out. There are all sorts of rumors. One is that electricians of the company will join the ranks of the malcontents. Another is that armies of railway workers are bound for this city from Brooklyn, Baltimore, Indianapolis and other points, either to assist or take the places of the strikers.

NEWS IN A NUTSHELL.

Italy sent more troops to Abyssinia. The reichstag has adjourned until Jan. 9. Japan is giving up Manchuria and Korea.

Sir Charles Dilke says international free trade is impossible.

A currency reform plan has been prepared by ex-Secretary of the Treasury Forth.

An opera house and several stores at Richmond, Mo., were destroyed by fire. Loss, \$100,000.

H. Koehler of San Francisco, wine dealer, filed a petition of insolvency. His liabilities amount to \$379,325.

Philip Young, John Kirby and Edward Shibley of Huxtable went on a fishing trip, and were all drowned by the upsetting of the boat.

An attempt was made at Rockport, Ind., to lynch several negroes confined in the jail there. The sheriff resisted, and the attempt failed.

General Moses B. Walker, the hero of Chickamauga, died at Keaton, O. He was the last man that left the bloody field of Chickamauga.

Governor Morton has granted a respite until Jan. 7 in the case of Bartholomew Shea, convicted of the murder of Robert Ross at Troy, N. Y.

The Cleveland Chamber of Commerce endorsed by a unanimous vote the position taken by the president in upholding the Monroe doctrine.

MYSTERY UNVEILED.

Young Nichols' Disappearance Explained by a Letter From Mid-Ocean.

NEW LONDON, Conn., Dec. 18.—The mysterious disappearance of George Nichols has been cleared up by a letter received here by his father. Young Nichols was a traveling agent for a Boston firm. Last June, while in New Bedford, Nichols joined a party that boarded a tug which had been engaged to tow a whaling vessel out of the harbor. The party went on board the whaler and had a merry time, and when the tug was cast off, Nichols was overlooked, as he was asleep some-

where in the vessel. He was carried to sea, and had to work his passage, which is not yet finished. The whaler is bound around the Horn, and is due to touch at some port in Chile next spring. The letter was brought by a vessel which spoke the whaler in mid-ocean.

Story's Punishment.

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 18.—Charles W. Story of Boston was fined \$1000 and costs by Judge Aldrich of the United States district court for an attempt to defraud the government. Story was indicted for conspiracy with Postmaster Johnson at Winesquam in 1893 to defraud the government by furnishing Johnson with circulars to be mailed at that office. Story to receive one-half the amount paid to Johnson on account of the increased cancellation of stamps at the Winesquam office.

Alleged Violation of Contracts.

HAVERHILL, Mass., Dec. 18.—Alderman Allen has announced that he will demand another investigation of the poor department at the next meeting of the board of aldermen. It is claimed that the firm who have been given the contract to supply the poor with goods have charged full prices for them, regardless of the reduced figures given in the contracts.

North Adams' First.

NORTH ADAMS, Mass., Dec. 18.—Albert C. Houghton, Clinton, was elected first mayor of North Adams. The Republicans elected three and the Democrats eight councilmen. The Republicans elected two of the three assessors, two of the three library trustees and three of the six members of the school committee. License was carried by 629 majority.

Another Contestant.

NEW HAVEN, Dec. 18.—Mrs. Susan B. Gillette announces that under the recent decision of the court which gives relatives a right which sets aside bequests contained in the Fayerweather will, she will claim a part of the estate of the late Daniel Fayerweather. Mrs. Gillette is the widow of a second cousin of the late millionaire.

Charged With Counterfeiting.

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